

HOUSE BILL 3379

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to animal abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-210(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) For the purpose of animal population control, any agent or officer of a society may lawfully destroy or cause to be destroyed any animal found abandoned or otherwise:

(1) Which is not properly cared for, appearing in the judgment of two (2) reputable citizens who are experts, called to view the same in the agent's or officer's presence, to be glandered, injured or diseased past humane recovery; or

(2) After a holding period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) hours and after having made a reasonable effort to locate and notify the owners, for the purpose of animal population control.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.